

CHEIKHNA SHEIKH SAADBOUH AND PAUL SOLEILLET: STORY OF A MEETING AND LESSON

With the publication of the Society of Geography Norman, especially one made by Gabriel Paul GRAVEL on Soleillet (born in 1842 in Nimes, died in 1886) we have reports on the meeting between him and Cheikhna Sheikh Saadbouh Sharif, the Nimzatt saint (1848-1917).

It must be said that Soleillet, former soldier and brave fighting front in the war against Prussia in 1870, was demobilized and fell in love, then, for exploration. He dreamed, as an official direct contributions, geography and had a strong passion for travel and contribute to scientific discovery, he believed, to the glory of France in other forms more peaceful.

Indeed, one can read the biographies devoted to it by V.Ricquet this: "Although born in Nimes, Soleillet was educated at Avignon. One day the travel books of Mungo Park, and René Caillé it comes to hand. He reads and rereads. His young imagination ignites at this reading, he no longer dreams of running her adventures as the black continent. Meanwhile, he won every first prize for history and geography. "

Paul Soleillet started by St-Louis in Senegal where support Bou El Mogdad and the Governor did not let him.

Indeed, it is noteworthy that El BouMogdad and the Governor had a very good opinion of Sheikh Saadbouh despite the vicissitudes that occurred in 1872 following which Bou el Mogdad is befriended Sheikh, impressed by his holiness strong and tall human qualities. (See our book "Cheikhna Sheikh Saadbou: Holy Sufi and Sharif 0.1848 to 1917, Publibook Editions, Paris 2010.)

During his meeting with Sheikh Saadbouh north of St. Louis, bordering the desert, Soleillet gave two recommendations written by the two authorities mentioned above: El BouMogdad and Governor Paul Soleillet had wanted to join the Algeria from St. Louis,

eventually, propose the feasibility of building the railway linking the two territories through the Mauritanian desert.

He also gave way in the gifts: a large blue umbrella, mats worth 1,000 francs, silks, silk, cloves, perfume, small knives, scissors and a beautiful silk haik. It was March 15, 1880, in the encampment of the Sheikh in Inchiri (north-eastern Mauritania today) where he received a reception which he described as "dignified, serious, frank and cordial"

Sheikh gave him milk, dates and mutton.

Moving thereafter to the Adrar (north), Solleilet was pillaged, along the way by a band of Moors armed with guns, in plain Akhmeyou two days walk from Atar.

He owed his salvation to the intervention of Sheikh, who sent his brother Baba and his nephew Abdaty to deliver (Soleillet) in the hands of the warlike tribe of Oulad Delim, which allowed him to save his instruments, his weapons, his papers and books, its geological and botanical collections, a box of cloves, three parts of Guinea, 40 large gold, his mules and camels. It was March 20, 1880. Back at camp the sheikh, Soleillet handed to him what was left of cloves and the Sheikh Saadbouh asked him, before they split up that "what was left in too much paper and sealing wax." Sheikh gave him in return, as a farewell gift, "a nice mat, two pillows adorned with drawings tanned skin, two pieces of antimony sulfide and four sheep. "

The sheikh also handed a letter to the Governor for Soleillet in which he advised his guest to return to St. Louis and did not continue his journey, risking his life in the northern lands. From the outset of their first meeting, Sheikh told Soleillet "he had read in his eyes than good intentions. "

That's what motivated certainly thereafter, the behavior of Sheikh vis-à-vis the French explorer.

Sponsored by the French chambers of commerce, at his request, Paul Soleillet had both an economic and scientific mission: discover the unknown resources of areas previously inaccessible to France, geological and botanical resources useful in developing the economy and science and explore the possibility of building a trans-Saharan linking St. Louis to southern Algeria.

He succeeded, despite the premature end of his journey to France to take some samples of plants and rocks that were subjected to laboratory and French researchers.

"To live in peace and be united, we must know, too long, the French do they want to see one of them go from Algeria to Senegal and from Senegal to Algeria," he said in Sheikh at the beginning of their meeting.

Sheikh, being a man of God, penetrated many secrets, knew that Soleillet was not in a war logic, and that his mission was peaceful.

On Sheikh Nimzatt we stated: "Cheikhna Sheikh Saadbou is Sheikh Mourabbi" savior and shepherd of souls "and a" master of hearts, "because God gave him the gifts and spiritual dimensions of openings or Tarbiyya Education hearts.

It has powers to ensure mastery with the spiritual progress of the disciple who has become his hands "like a corpse in the hands of the washer of the dead."

Modern science has shown that man can manipulate remote devices such as unmanned aircraft, sensors inter-galaxies, robots, etc..

On the spiritual plane, Sheikh Mourabbi has wider powers as its own capacity delegated to it by the Lord Almighty who is the knower of the unseen. The delegator losing nothing of its powers are infinite and unlimited.

Sheikhna Sheikh Saadbou by his many talents, was able to form close or far away thousands of followers.

By way of illustration, it appeared to Cheikh Déthialaw Seck inside the well he was digging in his village Ngourane and begged the latter for the first time at the age of twenty years and joined Sheikh to Nimzatt.

Just as it appeared at Sheikh Fantamady Kankan (Guinea) in a holy vision and transmitted to him by the grace of God, exceptional gifts that will make him one of the most illustrious saints that Guinea has ever known.

Others, cons, will respond to his call and joining the meet physically in the remote parts of Mauritania, some stay there three days, others for years and some few hours, returning full of science and crowned with the sublime holiness.

Among them include, Amadou Diop Mactar Gab Gawane Sheikh Mohammed Djimbiri Kébémér Sheikh Moussa Sarr Niodior etc. Others will benefit from his booth during his travels in Senegal, like CheikhYerim Seck Tivaoune, Sheikh Pathé Sarr Sagatta Cheikh Mouhamadou Lô Mbour, etc..

This is Sheikh Mourabbi, it is an ocean of mercy and wisdom, the pillar of holiness, it is the receptacle of light par excellence and the legacy of the prophet who, himself, is the "Sun of Suns"the master of the" Basin "which carries the grace and purity and where those who drink have the gift of assistance and he learns from the" Table Kept, "which is the mother of the holy books.

Cheikhna Sheikh Saadbou was variously dubbed "al Mukhtar," "the chosen" is the name of heaven, "the chance of the community," the happiness of happiness ", " ruby saints ", " relief time " "the fount of knowledge and wisdom," the seal of holiness, "" the confluence of two seas, "" the ocean without shores, "" Hurricane saints', 'Sheikh of Sheikh' etc.. "

And we know that later in the early 20 th century the French began the colonization of Mauritania which significantly reduced the negative influence of multiples raids conducted by the warrior tribes. A company that prefigured the birth of Mauritania, a territory which was at the beginning of little interest to the French because of the nature of the climate and the uncontrolled circulation of arms from the Spanish enclave of Rio del Oro (Sahara West). Later, in 1891, Sheikh contribute to the release, almost in the same conditions, Leon Fabert who, unlike Paul Soleillet had a civilizing mission and dominatrice. En humanist, he housed after his release, during a week of his casbaTouikzick in Inchiri when he was sick. Leon Fabert we did, in his relationship, this description of Sheikh Nimzatt: "From an intelligence both sharp and balanced, very literate, versed in sacred texts like the writings profane, this carries great Marabout, ascendant unheard on all those around him. "It was a most eloquent testimony.

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